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CORNELL NOTETAKING

Key Words

- 1.) Use wheel for transportation
- 2.) Improve process of pottery making
- 3.) Produce copper in quantities large enough to make tools and weapons
- 4.) Irrigate Fields
- 5.) Study the stars
- 6.) Develop engineering skills
- 7.) Develop an efficient numbering system

Main Ideas/Supporting Ideas

- Used in Mesopotamia 3250 BC
- 1st used to make pottery, still used today
- Later used with ploughs, carts, and chariots
- Vehicles pulled—donkeys/ oxen
- Sumerians used potter's wheel and kiln to bake pottery and bricks
- Pottery and bricks are much harder and more durable
- Sumerians combined copper with tin—make bronze
- Superior tools— build bigger and better boats/ vehicles
- Trade with people in India
- Carried water from rivers to fields
- Dug channels and canals—water flows from rivers to fields
- Calendars with 2 seasons: summer and winter
- 12 months of 30 days
- Priests calculated times—for tilling fields, planting/ harvesting crops
- Sumerians used mathematics to build canals, dikes, and ditches
- Invented a number system based on sixty
- System still used today—measure angles and time
- Sumerians developed a system—item separated from amount
- Helpful with large quantities

Connections and Reflections (Summary)

Legacy of the Sumerians is about the tools, and developments that happened in the Sumerian society. It talks about the contributions that the Sumerians made. I can relate to this because some of the things they did and made, we still use or do today.